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A NEW BUILDING
AND A NEW LOCATION:

**Dedication Ceremonies Draw Crowd
to New Junction City Church**

(See page 4 for details.)



DEDICATION DAY: part of the crowd which filled the sanctuary of the new Junction City Christian Church is visible in this photograph, which shows the choir loft and the left side of the platform.

**BEGINNING
IN THIS ISSUE
A NEW FEATURE:**

THE CHURCHES ARE ASKING . . .



GILBERT KNOX, minister of the Junction City Christian Church, presided over the dedication service.



The
EDITOR
SPEAKS



A Resolution for 1961

"Ray," said the assistant editor one day early in December, "do you know how long we have been editing the *Oregon Christian*?"

The editor peered over a stack of examination papers from his Appreciation of Literature class, scratched his head, and said, "I hope no one else asks me that question. I've lost track."

"We will be beginning our seventh year with the January 1961 issue," replied the editor's right-hand woman.

"Can that be true? Let's see. We took over the job when Mary Margaret was a little over two years old. Now she is eight. Yes, I guess you are right." He continued in a gallant vein: "If I hadn't had you to handle the 'Around The State With The Churches' section, I doubt whether I would have lasted this long."

Then, turning serious, he added, "The job has certainly complicated our existence, especially when college exam week and the *Oregon Christian* deadline come at the same time. But it has enriched our lives, too."

"There's something exciting about editing the paper, don't you think?" Margaret asked.

"Yes," replied the ed. "You know how I feel about that. Now, as to the future of the *Oregon Christian*, we certainly don't want it to get into a rut. We want to keep awake to every possibility of making it a better magazine." He put on his glasses and went back to his examinations.

To this remark the assistant editor said nothing. You see, the idea of continual improvement had been her idea all along, but she was too wise a woman to let him find out.

IN OUR PARSONAGE FAMILIES

..... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Fraley, ministers at Springfield, on the birth of Ann Marie on November 23 Belated congratulations are due Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cecil, ministers at Cedar Hills Church, on the birth of Andrew John, November 2 Congratulations to Philip and Mrs. Wolfe on the birth of Philip Glen, November 2 The Gladstone Church honored their minister and wife, Dr. and Mrs. James M. Alley, on the observance of their 25th anniversary. A reception was held at the church, Sunday afternoon, December 18, and a suitable gift was presented.



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NEW IN THIS ISSUE— THE CHURCHES ARE ASKING . . .

The churches are asking, "How is the state work financed? Where does the Oregon Christian Missionary Society get its funds with which to operate?"

We are glad this question has been asked, for there seems to be much misunderstanding concerning the financing of our state work. The O. C. M. S. is now a part of Unified Promotion; thus we are financed through Unified Promotion. But, we must understand how this works. A certain percentage of the money sent in by the churches of Oregon comes back to the state for our operation here. This includes missionary giving by churches, youth groups, C.W.F. groups, and individuals. This means that if the churches of Oregon do not send in missionary money, Oregon Christian Missionary Society suffers.

By agreement, the state cannot put on special drives for operating funds for the state society. At the present time the financial situation is very precarious for O.C.M.S. This is a result of the churches being very slow in sending in their missionary money the first six months of this fiscal year. We do hope that the churches will send in their missionary money immediately, for if they do not, the program of the state society must be drastically cut.

Someone may ask, "but what if a church does not give through Unified Promotion?" Such a church may send money for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society directly to the state office, designating the gift for state work in Oregon. We cannot solicit funds for this purpose, but we can receive them.

We hope this brief sketch has helped you to understand one of the questions asked by the churches. Next month we will deal with another question. If your church has a question, send it in to the state office and it will be answered in this column.

In the Next Issue

George Knox, who has already assumed his duties as minister of the First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater, will be formally installed on January 15. Henry Searle, executive secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, will be the installing officer. Watch the February issue of the *Oregon Christian* for details of this event.

Oregon Christian Assembly

—At Corvallis, Feb. 9-10

The date for the Oregon Christian Assembly is drawing near. All roads lead to Corvallis, Oregon, February 9 & 10, where the people of the Christian Churches of Oregon will gather for the greatest inspirational assembly of the year, sponsored by the World Outreach Commission of the OCMS.

The assembly will be one-half day longer this year to give more time for outstanding messages and challenging fellowship. There will be two banquets, one featuring the program of New Church Advance and the other a missionary banquet, with Dr. Gene Johnson of the Congo as speaker.

There will be workshops to study Christian action, New Church Advance and World Missions, Inspirational singing with Dr. & Mrs. Carlton Buck, and the assembly will conclude with the formal installation of our new state executive secretary, Mr. Henry Searle, and a commitment service dedicating ourselves to the Decade of Decision.

Housing for the assembly will be furnished by the Corvallis Christian Church for a courtesy charge of \$1.50. Hotel and motels may also be reserved. Write to the First Christian Church in Corvallis for housing in private homes or hotel and motel reservations well in advance, please.

Speakers for the assembly will include Arthur Stanley of the UCMS, Dr. Gene Johnson from the Congo, Henry Searle, and Harold Glen Brown, with other national resource persons assured to make the assembly one of the finest ever held.

—C. Wayne Bryant

—Workshop Planned on New-Church Advance

With the emphasis being given in our brotherhood on the establishment of new churches during the Decade of Decision, it is quite appropriate that this will be one of the major emphases for the program of the Oregon Assembly to be held in Corvallis, February 9 and 10. In addition, the program committee has asked the New-Church Committee to plan a two-hour workshop dealing with the new-church situation in Oregon.

Leadership for this workshop will consist of Harold Glen Brown, minister of Portland First, and chairman of the state New-Church Committee; Sherman B. Moore, director of Evangelism and New Church Development; and Arthur J. Stanley, executive director of Church Planning and Development of the United Christian Missionary Society. The workshop will review the survey that has been conducted throughout the state over the past eighteen months to determine the probable need for new churches in various parts of the state.

Every church in the state is urged to delegate at least one member to participate in this New-Church Workshop. This will be a means of disseminating throughout the churches of the state information which is so vital in developing a deep concern for the critical need for establishing new churches in the rapidly growing areas of our state.



HENRY L. SEARLE



MRS. CARLTON BUCK



DR. CARLTON BUCK

ARTHUR STANLEY visits with friends at the Turner Convention of 1959.



DR. HAROLD GLEN BROWN, photographed at the 1957 Turner Convention, with his wife.





PRESENTATION OF KEYS: Welby Schneider, right, hands the keys to Sherman Baldwin, chairman of the trustees.



BUILDING COMMITTEE is introduced by Gilbert Knox, minister, at extreme right: beginning left, Don Caldwell, Monty Moffett, Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Frank Lednicky, Ed Rogers, and Welby Schneider, chairman.

Henry Searle Delivers Dedication Sermon

Over 230 people were in the sanctuary of the new Junction City Christian Church to take part in the dedication ceremonies, Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 P.M. Visitors came from Christian churches in Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon, Albany, Halsey, Harrisburg, Franklin, Canby, and Medford, as well as from Lutheran, Baptist, and Methodist churches in Junction City.

Gilbert Knox, minister of the Junction City congregation, presided over the service. The dedication address was delivered by Henry Searle, executive secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

Several ministers participated: Rex Jones of Harrisburg pronounced the invocation, Ray Biggers of Allison Park at Eugene read the Scripture, Carlton Buck of Eugene First Christian offered the prayer of dedication, and Dale Baker of the Junction City Methodist Church delivered the benediction.

Junction City laymen took an active part. Welby Schneider, chairman of the building committee officially presented the keys of the building to Sherman Baldwin, chairman of the trustees. Audrey Pollard played the introductory piano prelude. The choir brought special music, "Bless This House." The entire congregation joined in the litany of dedication, led by Ed Rogers, chairman of the official board.

The sanctuary is of laminated-wooden-

arch construction. The interior is illuminated with bullet-style floods high on the ceiling and with panels of indirect fluorescent lamps at the height of the eaves. The floor is surfaced with asphalt tile.

The chancel is divided: the pulpit is on one side of the platform and the choir loft on the other. Forming the south end, behind the platform, is a glass and brick wall. The glass is divided into sections of contrasting colors. A heavy central divider between the areas of colored glass forms a cross that reaches to the ceiling, a focus of attention for the worship.

Beneath the cross, in the center of the chancel at platform level, is the communion table, behind which is the baptistry. Behind the baptistry is a screen of colored glass, which will be floodlit from the rear during baptismal services.

The sanctuary is finished inside in cedar, red brick, and glass. The whole

west wall is in clear plate glass, looking out upon an open area which will eventually be fenced in, to provide a courtyard.

The exterior is finished in cedar and brick. The roof is of cedar shakes.

The educational plant and fellowship hall adjoin the sanctuary on the rear and on the east side. The classrooms have concrete floors, hardboard paneling, and fluorescent lighting. Fellowship hall, at present unfinished, has space for a kitchen and a platform. At the south of the educational wing is a chapel, which provides space for small meetings and prayer groups. It is like the sanctuary but in miniature. It has a high ceiling and colored glass for daylight illumination.

The new structure is at the corner of 12th and Nyssa Streets. Behind it, in the land owned by the church—approximately a block—is a wooded area suitable for picnics and outdoor sports.

Missionaries Sent to African Center

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Behler, missionaries of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) have been assigned to the Mindolo Ecumenical Center at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, a unique Christian project in Africa.

This sending of personnel is another step in support by Christian Churches for the ecumenical center which serves Africans in the central part of that continent. Since 1959, Disciples have contributed funds to its establishment and work.

Mr. Peter Mathews, executive secre-

tary of the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, who visited Indianapolis this summer, reported that need for such a center has been intensified by the recent Congo strife and emerging African nationalism.

Mindolo Center grew out of the former United Mission to the Copperbelt, which closed in 1955. In 1958, the new foundation was formed, to foster Christian work on a broader basis. The World Council of Churches also supports the project.

News and Picture

DEADLINE

January 15

Goals for 1961 Surveyed by—

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

by Idella Osburn

Christian Women's Fellowship comes to another crossroads in its calendar year. The Christmas season, in all its wondrous significance, is past for another year, but for the Christian it gives a greater impetus to go forward in all areas of our life work.

The new year has always been a good time to take stock of ourselves. Was last year well lived? Did we live it as if we knew that God sent his Son to be born "a Savior for all"? There is a saying, "Today, well lived, makes tomorrow a thing of beauty." To a Christian, who is missionary in attitudes and action, this makes every day a thing of beauty, because it is loving our brother as we love ourselves.

Look at the Past

Let us look at some accomplishments the past year. This should spread some beauty into the lives of others as well as into our own.

Giving to outreach through Unified Promotion:

Regular on goal	\$39,696.04
Blessing Box	558.86
Designated	700.00

Total	\$40,955.51
Gain over 1958-59	2,647.04
No. CWFs	72
Membership	5,175
World Call Sub.	2,112
Books Read	14,456
School of mission	28

Look at 1961

We can't talk about past accomplishments without projecting goals for the future. Here are some for 1960-61.

Offering to Unified Promotion

Regular on goal	\$47,500
Blessing Box	as you are blessed
No. CWFs	76
Membership	5,586
World Call Sub.	2,400

Editor Plans Change in Columns

So that the state program may be better publicized, a change is being entertained with regard to the news from the local churches, the columns known as "Around the State With the Churches."

For the time being, beginning in January, the usual double postcards will not be sent out to the individual churches. Instead, a general invitation is hereby issued to all churches which have newsworthy events to send in a write-up (plus pictures, if any are available) to the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, 304

Books read	17,000
Schools of Mission	30

These goals are reached only as each local Fellowship accepts its share of the total and exercises its stewardship as Christian women in answer to the Great Commission.

Other activities: Nine district workshops, reaching nearly a thousand women. (The Executive Committee traveled as a team; they plan to do this again in 1961.)

The study booklet, "Set Our Feet On Lofty Places," has kept the board busy presenting some of the lessons that were written specifically to better acquaint us with the state and national leaders and their duties.

Five New CWF Groups

Five Christian Women's Fellowships were organized: John Day, Bethel, Parkrose, Eastside Albany, and Sutherlin. Sutherlin gets the bouquet for the year-end of 1960, as it became a full-fledged CWF in November. Melba Brinkley is president. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robbins are ministers.

Clothing Record

Much wonderful service has been done for others both at home and around the world. The giving to Church World Service of our clothing, has maintained third place in the Council of Churches for the past six months. This is one of the most needed projects in our service-outreach department.

May God give us guidance in the new year to become even more acutely aware of the needs that lie in our hands. We might break a resolution but let's not break these—our goals. The purpose is to develop all women in Christian living and Christian service at home and around the world. But first they must hear the Good News. There is much work to be done. **Good working in '61'.**

Fitzpatrick Building, Portland. Be sure to send the news material in by the 15th of the month.

It may well be that greater space may thus be made available for detailed reporting of truly significant events and local reporters freed from the obligation of writing when they have nothing to report.

Your comments on this plan are invited. Feel free to send them in to the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, 304 Fitzpatrick Building, Portland.

Men Anticipate New Experience with God

To give each man a new experience with God is the aim of the program committee for the C.M.F. retreat to be held at Camp Magruder, March 10-12.

Camp Magruder is located on Highway 101 about 20 miles north of Tillamook. Albert C. Hofrichter, who was formerly director of men's work in Virginia and now is with the national staff of men's work, will be the spiritual-resource leader, with a number of outstanding Oregon and Washington ministers and laymen participating.

Plans for the retreat were outlined by an enthusiastic committee of men at a meeting in Salem on November 23. Dr. C. R. Beatty, state ad interim chairman of C.M.F., presided, aided by Bob Pfeiffer, Claude Bryant, Blewford Osburn, Henry Searle, and John Jordan, Sr. John Jordan was appointed program chairman for the retreat.

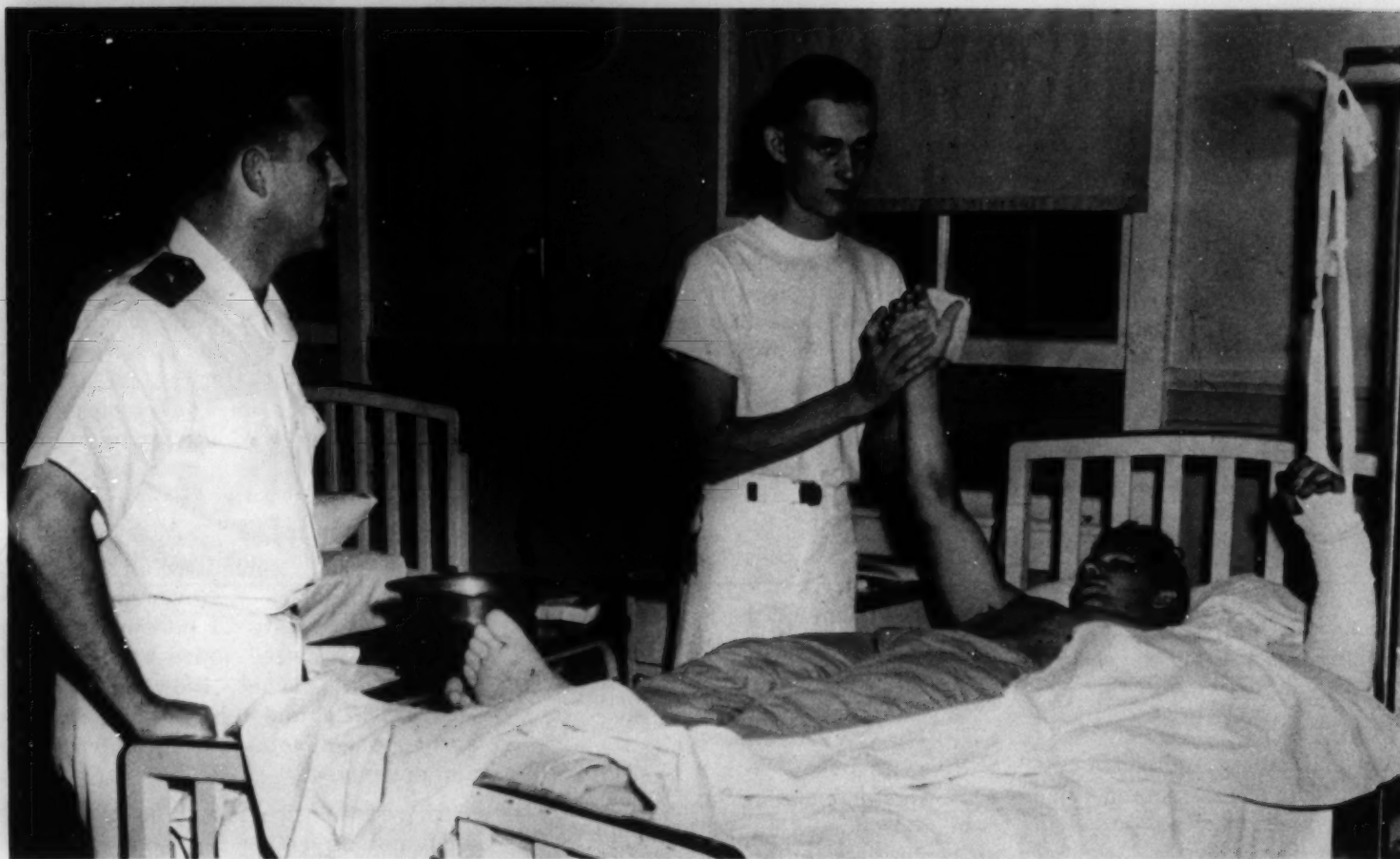
The 1961 retreat will be the fourth such annual meeting for the men of Oregon. The interest has increased each year with the prospect of this being the largest group and the best program so far. Look for a complete program in the February issue of the *Oregon Christian*.

Notices and registration blanks will be mailed to all the churches. Every man and youth of high school or college age is invited to attend. Make plans now to be at Camp Magruder, March 10-11-12, and share in this mountain-top experience.

At Bend Tithing School Scores Signal Gains

At the close of the third annual school of the Stewardship of Tithing, the Bend First Christian Church counted a total of 97 persons committed to tithing over the three-year period. November 27 was "Commitment Sunday" this year, when ten new tithers were added to the growing group. Among those who signed covenant cards that Sunday were 18 family units: 32 adults and 10 children.

The special commitment Sunday was climax to a month-long season of the teaching of The Tithe throughout the entire congregation in all classes and group meetings. Through tithes and offerings the congregation has been able in recent years to steadily raise its giving to others and to discontinue the use of rummage sales and other money-raising schemes.



BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . . he ministers to military personnel.
A Disciple chaplain visits a sick seaman. (U.S. Navy Photo)



BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . .
Gifts of

Week of Compassion • February 19

BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . . they have medical treatment.
Children are treated for hookworm in a refugee camp in Gaza. (NECC Photo)



BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . .
A refugee boy takes vocational training in Jericho. (UN-YMCA Photo)





BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . . they have clothing.
Gifts of clothing bring smiles to mothers in Lebanon.
(UN Photo)



BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . . they are fed.
Refugees line up for milk rations in Hong Kong. (CWS Photo)

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E . . . he learns a trade.
Vocational training in a Y.M.C.A. course
(UN-YMCA Photo)



BECAUSE YOU SHARE . . . they serve others.
Youth work campers build a nursery for refugee children in Greece. (U.C.M.S. Photo)



Dallas Church Calls Minister of Education

Mr. Delbert H. Gault has recently been called to the position of minister of Christian education of First Christian Church of Dallas. Mr. Gault assumed his duties on November 3. At the present time the minister of Christian education is on duty with the church from Thursday evenings through Monday evenings. The other days of the week are being used in specialized studies in the field of Christian education at Northwest Christian College in Eugene.

Mr. Gault is a five-year graduate of Warner Pacific Bible College of Portland with the degree of Bachelor of Theology. He has served as supervisor of curriculum and instruction at the Park Rose Congregational Church of Portland and as director of children's work at Woodstock Community Church of Portland for 2½ years, after which he assumed the broader duties of director of Christian education of that church.

He also served for a time at the Kern Park Christian Church of Portland as director of youth choirs and has also aided a number of other churches in this same field. While at Warner Pacific Mr. Gault served as the director of a four months' program of drama, doing extensive work in interpretive lighting and music.

Malaga, Washington, is his home town. Both he and his family have made significant contributions to the work of the Christian Churches of the Northwest. Mr. Gault's brother currently is the Librarian at Northwest Christian College's large new library.

Since coming to First Church Mr. Gault has been the instructor in a special leadership-training course for workers with children, has organized both junior and primary choirs, and wrote a Christmas Play which was presented the evening of December 18, entitled "And It Came To Pass."

DELBERT H. GAULT



NEWS OF CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTERS

RICHARD FLOOD, CAMPUS MINISTER AT CORVALLIS

Questions like the following are often asked of a campus minister: "What kind of a program do you run? What do you do with your time? How many students are involved in the various activities? When are you going back into the ministry?"

These questions are usually asked by individuals who are unaware of the task or mission of the Church to the academic community. Actually, most of the ministers around the state know very little about the campus ministry and, specifically, almost nothing about the work at Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Monmouth, or La Grande. So how can the average layman or laywoman know very much more? How can the churches be expected to support something they know very little about?

Dulcinea Elliott, Ray Helseth, and I are available and eager to speak to any church or church group on the mission of the church, its mission to the academic community, and about the already existing work on our campuses. We have students who are also available, members of your own churches, who are active in our program.

We would like to reach as many churches as is possible this year, because we believe that our ministry is important and that every church should have a share in that ministry. After all, they are YOUR students that we are working with, and they will be the lay leaders of YOUR churches after graduation. Our addresses are listed at the end of this column. Write now so that we can arrange our schedules to speak with as many groups as is possible.

Plans are being laid for an exhibit at this year's Oregon Assembly showing the work at Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Monmouth, and La Grande. The exhibit will be staffed by the campus ministers and students from Oregon State. It is hoped that all who attend the Assembly will visit this exhibit.

For information and speaking dates, write to: Dulcinea Elliott, 736 E. 16th, Eugene; Ray Helseth, 3252 S.E. 177th, Portland; or Richard Flood, 2305 Monroe, Corvallis.

DULCINEA ELLIOTT, CAMPUS MINISTER AT EUGENE

(Continued from December issue)

4. Money. Too many students seem completely unaware of how to effectively budget either their time or their money. There seems always to be money for shows, cokes, cars, and dates, but so little for his Christian stewardship. Rare, indeed, and precious is the student who really believes "it is more blessed to give than to receive". Again, what has been our pattern of approach on this vital part of Christian experience at the high-school level in our church's teaching and its guidance of practice?

5. The campus "odd balls" who are ever with us. Perhaps there is lurking a genius in their midst, but too often it is the desperately lonely soul, the beatnik who doesn't know any other way to assert himself, or the escapist who can't face a cruel world of reality. Socially ostracized by his peers, yet wanting to be a part of the group, this withdrawn individual needs the love and understanding of Christians of his own generation. Can the church reach out in good fellowship to him without being Pharisaical about it?

6. Sex. No use dodging the issue. Modern college life holds out some pretty tough allurements for adolescents, too many of whom want to conform even if it means violating the Christian principles they have been more or less taught. The campus is, of course, not too different from other agencies where marriageable youth are to be found in great numbers. But when marriage seems to be the major goal of many of the girls, and where pseudo-popularity seems to depend on acquiescence to lower sex standards, what can we expect?

And what has the Christian home and the Christian church been doing in the preparatory high-school years to re-guide these native urges into channels of Christian morality? Have we just ignored the subject, been "shocked" by a Kinsey report, or stuck our heads in the sand hoping it all isn't true? Jesus taught us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil". Is it words, or is it life itself?

JAMES SUGGS BECOMES DIRECTOR OF INTERPRETATION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — James C. Suggs has been appointed Director of Interpretation for Christian Churches, according to Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Christian Churches.

Suggs, 28, will head the Office of In-

terpretation of Christian Churches, 221 S. Ohmer Ave., in Indianapolis. He leaves a similar position as director of public relations for the Texas Board of Christian Churches, Fort Worth, and will assume his new duties Feb. 1, 1961.

Purchase of Campsite Under Consideration

At the December 13 meeting of the executive committee and the stewardship commission of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society preliminary action was taken to secure a campsite for various youth activities and other church activities in the state. The campsite selected is near Mountindale, about 20 miles west of Portland. The tract, which includes 143 acres, can be secured for \$18,000.

The Oregon Christian Missionary Society executive committee has recommended to the board of the Society that this amount of land be purchased as soon as we have \$5,000 on hand. At the present time we have some \$2,000 on hand for such a campsite purchase.

This campsite is crossed from north to south by Dairy Creek, which is a sizable stream running the year around. There is a large area of flat, cleared

land. The remainder of the area is a wooded slope running almost 1,000 feet upward in elevation. A number of springs are to be found on the hillside. Tall trees are growing on the hillsides and some tall trees are growing along Dairy Creek.

It seemed to the campsite committee, the study committee, and the Oregon Christian Missionary Society board that this campsite would fill all the qualifications for a very fine permanent camp for our brotherhood in the Portland area.

Giving to the campsite should not affect our regular giving to Unified Promotion and the general giving to the state program. However, for those persons wishing to make cash contributions they would be accepted and used directly for this camp site if marked for "Camp site development project in the Oregon Christian Missionary Society."

What Is the Job of the Children's Committee?

The Children's Committee of our Education Commission recognizes that teachers of boys and girls in local congregations are key persons in guiding the Christian growth of children. A major objective of the committee is to help local churches in the responsible task of preparing men and women to teach and of providing for continuing growth in skills and commitment.

Recently reorganized, state committee members will now serve as district coordinators of children's work. District boundaries coincide with those of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Coordinators and their districts are as follows: Mrs. Sherman Moore, 2435 N. Wygant, Portland 17, District 1; Mrs. Ray Heckart, Rt. 4, Box 474, Salem, District 3; Mrs. Virgil Stitt, 48 Wheeler St., Lebanon, District 4; Mrs. Steve Woodson, 1321 Lincoln, Eugene, District 5; Mrs. John Myers, Box 726, Myrtle Creek, Districts 6-7; Mrs. James Edwards, 502 Ninth, Hood River, north half of District 8; Mrs. Charles Knox, Box 296, Heppner, District 9.

Special committee members are Mrs. Ray Hewitt, 195 Vera Drive, Corvallis, state coordinator of the junior-camping program; Mrs. Russel Adams, 1119 N. 31st, Corvallis, coordinator of activities including the state newsletter for child-

ren's workers. Mrs. Merritt Parks, Fort Rock, is general chairman of the Children's Committee.

District coordinators wish to serve the churches within their districts as effectively as possible. **They invite you to contact them for conferences or visits to churches to become better acquainted with children's workers, to assist in the evaluation needs or to aid in the use of a specific skill such as music, the use of pictures, or room arrangement.**

Since the recruitment and training of leaders has been selected as a major emphasis of our education commission, the Children's Committee will be stressing means of training teachers in local churches through in-service courses and the growing workers plan.

District meetings will continue to offer fellowship, enrichment, and instruction. The state Laboratory School in July will provide intensive training when our brotherhood and the American Baptists unite in planning and staffing a joint school.

Committee members will meet in an all-day coaching conference January 13, with Miss Loma Mae Jones, state director of Christian Education, and Miss Ruby Peregrine, professor at Pacific University, as resource leaders.

—Helen Parks



WINDOW TRANSPARENCIES are under construction at this table in Kern Park's pre-Christmas family-night party.

Kern Park Families Prepare for Christmas With a "Making" Party

First Graders, their families, and teachers had an excellent experience in making over eleven different Christmas items at Kern Park Christian Church.

Beeswax candles, advent calendars, table decorations, salt and flour manger figures, worship triptyches, and window scenes were made by total family groups.

Sugar cookies were frosted and decorated in many ways as one of the interest centers and became the most popular as refreshments were served!

CALENDAR OF

MEETINGS IN JANUARY

- Jan. 3 Education Commission, 10:00 Springfield First Christian
- 6-7 CYF Committee and CYF Executive Committee (adults and young people)
- 13 Coaching Conference for District Children's Workers at Salem First Christian
- 18 Dr. Hoke Dickinson of U.P. meets Oregon U.P. Committee, state staff, campus ministers, and NCC, NBA, and CWF representatives at Portland First Christian, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.m.
- 21 Meetings of Chi Rho counselors of local churches, Saturday, 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Zone 1—Salem First Christian
Zone 2—Springfield
Zone 3—Medford
Zone 4—La Grande

POAPU National Meet, Portland, Feb. 13-14

The 13th National Conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State will be held at Portland, Oregon, Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14, according to the announcement of Dr. Louie D. Newton, President. Daytime sessions will be held at First Baptist Church. Evening meetings are scheduled at the Public Auditorium. Featured speakers will be Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director of POAU.

The Conference theme will be "Religion and Public Funds" and will feature addresses, lectures and panels on many phases of this topic. The Clergymen's Conference which traditionally opens the sessions will be addressed by Dr. Charles R. Bell, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pasadena, Calif., who will speak on "Church Finances—Voluntarism or Taxation?"

10 Oregonians Attend Regional Training Meet

To most of us the camp and conference season is a very long time from the Christmas season. To some seventy camp and conference directors from Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and California, attending the Regional Directors Training Sessions, December 12-16, the camping season seemed very near. The sessions were held at the White Sulphur Springs Methodist Camp, at St. Helena, California.

Emphasis was on small-group development and interaction. The entire conference was divided into small groups according to the age-level of the participant's interest. Some of the age-levels were then divided into even smaller groups.

The necessity of understanding how a group reacts and how individuals respond is imperative for a dynamic experience in camp and conference, since most learning and living experiences are centered in the small group. This is especially vital, since Oregon CYF and Chi Rho Camps and Conferences are so structured.

Other programming included training in camping skills; introducing the new camp and conference design to be ready in the summer of 1963; discussing the "Doctrine of Man"; training in recreation techniques; and analyzing group development.

National leaders including James Balinger, Walter Lantz, and Boyd Hughes. Miss Loma Mae Jones, director of Christian education for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, was leader for the junior-camping group.

Those attending the conference from Oregon were: Charles and Crystal Knox (Heppner); Walter Smith (Lexington); Harold Robbins (Sutherland); John Myers (Myrtle Creek); Doyle Dobbins (Roseburg-First); Glenn McKerrrow (Medford-First); James Dyson (Corvallis); Philip Wolfe (Dallas); and Margaret Hewitt (Corvallis).

—James Dyson and Margaret Hewitt

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Around The State With The Churches

EUGENE - ALLISON PARK: Five added by transfer. Mrs. Edna Burke was guest speaker for Woman's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Biggers, ministers, attended the National Council of Churches Conference. On December 18, the adult and junior choirs presented an evening of Christmas music. With it, a short pageant, "The Christmas Bells," led to the giving of white gifts for the Northwestern Christian Home. Seventeen attended the World Fellowship Youth Meet.

HARRISBURG: The pastor is teaching from Ephesians during the "hour of power" once a week. Mrs. Pearl Finley, superintendant of the Northwestern Christian Home, was a recent visitor. A prayer book has been established for those who choose to pause a moment for prayer. Vivian Blehm, reporter. Rex Jones, pastor.

EUGENE - BETHEL: Two added by baptism. The new year began with a record budget from our finance committee. Loyalty month will be observed in January with Family Sunday, Mothers' Sunday, Fathers' Sunday, Youth Sunday and New Family Sunday. On Woman's Day, Mrs. Louella Bridenstine as guest speaker and on Bible Sunday Dr. Guy Wright was lecturer during the Bible-school hour. Steve Fenn, minister.

LA GRANDE: Two added by transfer. We are currently engaged in an evangelistic crusade. This effort will culminate with a four-night period of decision calling and a week of preaching led by Laura and Lee Hobert of the Mesilla Christian Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 12-24. Lee Hobert suffered severe injury in an accident November 9. At the present time Lee is making satisfactory progress and continues to assume more work in his new pastorate. Goals set by the membership for the evangelistic crusade are: 77 additions and an average attendance of 308 each night of preaching. Wallace Hastings, minister.

PORTLAND - VILLA RIDGE: Two added by transfer. Completed a successful month of stewardship in November, directed by George Geillor and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Harris. We now have \$1869 in our building fund, over-and-above giving since February, for down payment on a three-acre, \$10,000 lot for a new building. Elected new officers for 1961 year. Adopted a \$8154 budget for the new year. Roy Lawson, minister.

TILLAMOOK: Three added by baptism. Recently purchased a bus to reach Netarts and Cape Meares people. Comprehensive evangelism plans are underway for January. Mrs. Hattie Menzies was Woman's Day speaker. Eight young people attended the NCC preview. High-school youth held winter planning retreat. Truman Robbins, minister.

REDMOND: Annual Woman's Day

service was held December 11, with the women taking over the evening service. Mrs. Florence Ferebee of Prineville was speaker. Marlin Love, minister.

WILLAMINA: Father-Son banquet held December 5 with Mont Smith as speaker. Observed Bible Sunday with display of Bibles and offering for the American Bible Society. Sent harvest gifts to our benevolent homes at Turner and Beaverton. Ray Smith, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Two added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Mrs. Carlton Buck was speaker at the Woman's Day service, November 27. A reception for new members was held honoring those placing membership since July 1. Miss Martha Goodrich, chairman of the membership department, was in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eldridge were honored at a reception December 11. Carlton C. Buck, pastor.

NORTH BEND: Three added by baptism. Sixteen CYF members went to Coquille, November 27, to hear Dr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson, from the Congo. Twenty-six pairs of pajamas were made by the women for the Colorado Christian Home. The same project is to be carried on throughout the coming year. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Len Fishback, pastor.

ST. HELENS: Two added by baptism. Our school of stewardship concluded on November 20, with 96 tithers committed—one-third of our congregation. Mrs. Blewford Osburn was speaker on Woman's Day. Wayne Bryant, minister.

THE DALLAS: Twenty-seven added by baptism, 17 otherwise. Festival of Faith, led by Medford Jones, resulted in 44 additions. Mortgage-burning services held December 4, with Dr. Ross Griffith as speaker and Russell Meyers, former minister, as guest. Present church building, valued at \$200,000. H. Harold Johnson, minister.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: Two added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Host to Chi Rho World Fellowship Youth meet with about 140 youth and leaders in attendance. We were also host in December to the ministers and interested friends of District One in a meeting with L. O. White of the United Christian Missionary Society Department of Resources, on the subject of "Making a Christian Will." Forty-four women took part in the morning and evening services on Woman's Day. Nine of our members were on the committee for "Keeping Christ in Christmas," sponsored by the Portland Council of Churches. All age levels of the church have had special Christmas sharing programs with parents during the month of December. Mem-



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bers of the church are participating in sending one giant Christmas card and money offering to Northwestern Christian Home. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: On November 20, we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Eugene B. Chamberlain, minister.

SALEM - FIRST: Five added by baptism. Had special Congo Emergency offering and received \$666. Mrs. Victoria Byerlee was guest speaker for Woman's Day. "At the Door of the Inn" was presented December 11, with white gifts of food for Christmas baskets being bought. Rev. Orville Mick conducted a class in evangelistic calling. Dr. Wayne Greene held classes in "The Meaning of Church Membership." A shower of gifts was held for Northwestern Christian Home.

MEDFORD: Seven added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Harold L. Herndon was here two days for the all-church dinner when many pledges were given and for a meeting with all canvassers. Mr. Herndon was the third person from the Board of Church Extension to visit Medford and to assist with the over-all building program. A goal of \$54,000 was set to be paid over a period of three years. To date there has been \$63,824 pledged, and there are some follow-up calls to be made yet. An architect will be selected soon to draw up plans for the building. Fredrick Ross Evans, minister.

MILWAUKIE: Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Brother Ted Hurl-

burt, minister, has just returned from Sutherlin, where he conducted a two-week evangelistic meeting. Held semi-annual membership dinner with 37 new members honored. Adult choir presented a Christmas cantata, "Love Transcending," December 18. Iris M. League, reporter.

BEAVERTON: Five added by baptism, 5 otherwise. November tithing emphasis resulted in commitment of 65 families as tithers. Thomas Courtney, minister.

GOLD HILL: One added by baptism. Jean Cunningham, minister.

FOREST GROVE: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. On Thanksgiving evening, Elby Boosinger, minister, left with Henry Searle for St. Louis and the meeting of state secretaries and board chairman. He returned December 4, in time to preach the first sermon for the Month of Stewardship. Participated in Union Thanksgiving service. Christmas Sunday was observed with the regular full morning program of 9:45 and 11:00 services.

GLENWOOD: Choir presented a Christmas musical program entitled, "The Christmas Story," Sunday evening, December 11. Jesus' birthday was commemorated December 25, during the Sunday-school opening exercises, with a special birthday cake for all and special music. H. Bingaman, reporter. Harry Bingaman, minister.

MAPLETON: Two added by baptism,

1 otherwise. Bought some new hymnals which were used for the first time, December 18. LeRoy Ditton, minister.

HILLSBORO: Seven added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Kenneth Mills has been called as our new minister of Christian education. D. C. Kooy, minister.

OREGON CITY: Howard Hutchins, minister, went to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the dedication of a new building for the negro congregation. Dr. Emmett Brown and wife, Alberta, are the ministers. Congregation started by Hutchins in early 1940-1945. Dr. Brown, dentist, ordained in 1943.

MADRAS: Three added by transfer. On November 20, we held our annual Harvest In-Gathering dinner and received \$3,500 in "sacrificial" offerings, over and above the tithe of our membership. This occasion closed our School of the Stewardship of Tithe. On Woman's Day our CWF presented "Decade of Decision," a play prepared for that purpose. Dr. Clifford Weare of Congo was guest at our school of missions, December 18. Jack Naff, minister.

CORVALLIS: Pastor's class for intermediates and juniors resulted in 9 confessions and baptisms. Thanksgiving day service attended by 175, in spite of heavy downpour. Gary Shoemaker brought message. 1961 budget is 90 per cent underwritten, with campaign still underway. Total budget is \$50,000. Corvallis congregation is 70 years old this year. Remodeling work on building is finished. Glyn B. Adsit, minister.

SHERIDAN: Three added by transfer. Mrs. Ira Rogers was elected president of the Yamhill Evangelistic Association. Our young people took charge of the evening service, November 6. One of our young people brought a message on the "Work of Youth in the Church." There were 55 present. Ralph H. Perry, minister.

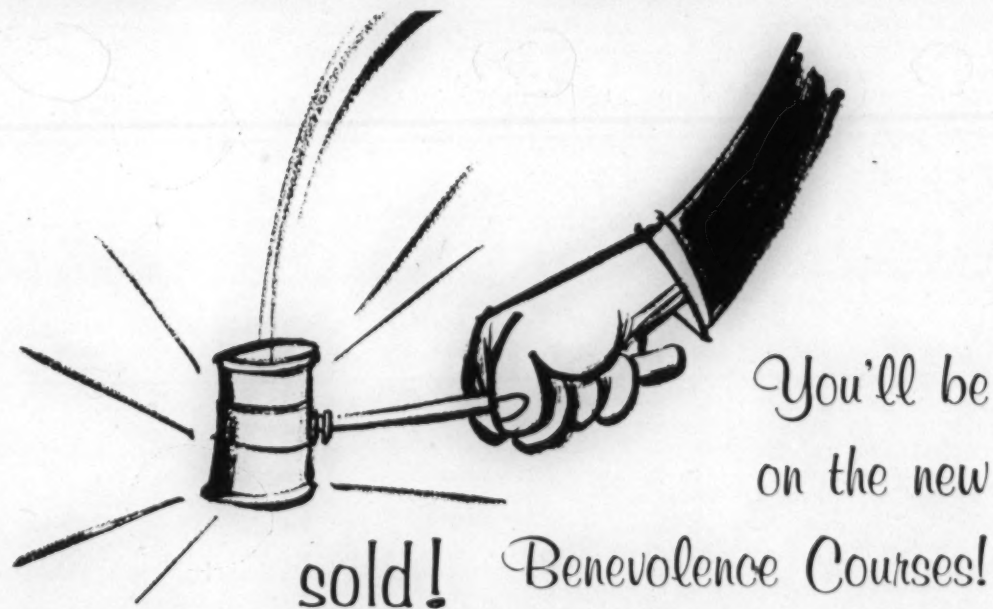
SEASIDE: Two added by baptism. Received a gift of a Conn Electric Organ, a splendid addition to our worship service. Wilbur R. Hensley, pastor.

ENTERPRISE: Lester Wells began as minister here, December 4.

PORTLAND - FIRST: Two added by baptism, 12 otherwise. Harold Glen Brown, minister.

SPRINGFIELD: Eleven added by baptism, 9 otherwise. James Fraley, minister.

NEWPORT: Annual CWF Christmas dinner held December 7, with 100 present. Showed the filmstrip, "Peace on Earth." College youth planned the Christmas Eve service. On New Year's Eve, a crab feed and candlelight service



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were held. Wallace Prowell, minister.

DALLAS: Two added by baptism. Presented pageant, "And it Came to Pass," December 18, directed by Melba Black, Alda Meek, and Delbert Gault. Several youth attended the NCC Preview. We have a number of young people interested in attending NCC. Philip Wolfe, minister.

HOOD RIVER - FIRST: Delegation of youth attended World Fellowship Youth meets. Mrs. Lee Scott of Lebanon was Woman's Day speaker, December 4. Women very ably took charge of the entire morning service. Jim Edwards, minister.

COQUILLE: Four added by baptism. Our Preaching Mission with Ralph Holcomb was a great success. On November 20, James Boyer was presented with the God and Country award. On November 27, Dr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson, Congo missionaries, were with us. An offering was taken for Congo emergency relief. Thirteen of our young people attended the NCC Preview. Flossie Wolgamott, reporter. Orris Doty, minister.

GRANTS PASS: World Community Day was observed in the Methodist Church with Mrs. D. L. Mainard in charge of the program. Host church for Union Thanksgiving service. Mrs. Blewford Osburn was Woman's Day speaker. Two added by transfer. Betty Mainard, reporter. John Martin, minister.

Workshops Set for Chi Rho Counselors

All adults who are teaching Chi Rho (junior high) Sunday morning classes, counseling with the Chi Rho evening program, or are in any way involved with the local church's program for this age-group are invited to attend a workshop on Saturday, January 21, 1961.

A series of these workshops is being planned by the state Chi Rho committee. The meetings are to last from 9:30 in the morning through 2:30 in the afternoon. Purpose of the meetings is to provide an opportunity for mutual sharing of problems and successful ideas by those who attend, as well as to offer a limited leadership-training experience.

The \$2.00 registration fee will cover lunch, a packet of materials, and meeting costs. Local churches are encouraged to pay the registration fee for their representatives where possible.

Host churches and leaders for these meetings will be:

Zone	Host Church	Leader
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3	Medford	Lea McKerrow
4	LaGrande	Wallace Hastings & special guest

For further information write Jim Edwards, 502 Ninth, Hood River, or one of the workshop leaders.

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WITH THE STATE SECRETARY

The carnival-concession operator urging people to take a chance on a kewpie doll, teddy bear, or some other article spins his large wheel and says, "Round and 'round she goes, and where she stops nobody knows." The state secretary goes 'round and 'round—but he knows where he is going, where he is supposed to stop, and what he should strive to accomplish. Journey with me again this month.

November 16 was unusual in that, after a day at the office taking care of details, I was able to spend an evening at home. The 17th and 18th were also office days; the night of the 17th involved a meeting with the new Lynchwood group, which is a very fine nucleus for our new church, and the night of the 18th took me to Southgate to share in their Spiritual Life Week services.

The 19th, a Saturday, found me on my way to eastern Oregon. On Sunday, after a night in Heppner's beautiful parsonage, as a guest of Charles and Crystal Knox, I spoke to an adult Sunday School class in Lexington, preached at Heppner in the morning service, and preached at Hermiston in the evening service. There was a very fine spirit and good interest in these three churches.

Monday morning, the 21st, found me journeying to Hot Lake for the Eastern Oregon Planning Conference, where the ministers and laymen enthusiastically projected the program for the Eastern Oregon Convention and the conferences this coming summer.

Back in Portland on the 23rd, I attended the Oregon Council of Churches and the meeting of the Christian Men's Fellowship state leaders in Salem. Plans were made for the Men's Retreat, March 10-12, at Camp Magruder.

For the first time the state secretary and his wife were separated on Thanksgiving Day. She was in Southern California getting ready for our daughter's wedding. A very enjoyable Thanksgiving dinner was had at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Addleman.

That evening I and the chairman of our state board, Elby Boosinger, boarded the train for national meetings in St. Louis. Sunday afternoon the state secretaries and state-board chairmen began a series of meetings which continued through Friday, December 2, followed by a session with Unified Promotion and State Missions Planning Council.

Arriving in Portland at 5:45 A.M. on December 5, I went to the office and took care of correspondence which had accumulated during my absence. That evening I met with the Campus Commission in Portland. The next day, the 6th, was filled from morning until late night

with the business of the State Board meeting.

The 7th found the state secretary having a conference with the area Christian Women's Fellowship executive secretary, Mrs. Idella Osburn. How fortunate we are to have such a leader in the women's work! That evening a Christian wills meeting was attended at Kern Park church. The 8th found your secretary visiting with Gary Baxter at the Garden Road Christian Church in Salem discussing plans for their future, then driving to Corvallis to the Christian Student Center for a visit with the campus minister, Richard Flood, and Ray and Margaret Hewitt, editors of our **Oregon Christian**.

The 9th found your secretary involved in an area meeting considering recruitment for the Christian ministry, and that evening in a meeting with the campus ministers and Don Reisinger from our national office.

The 10th started out early at 7:30 A.M. with a meeting with William Percy of the Board of Church Extension. He gave us considerable encouragement concerning our Lynchwood project. Later that morning Sherman Moore and I met with Clinton Bradshaw of the national office to discuss plans for new-church development.

On the next day, Sunday, at 11:00 o'clock I delivered the Women's Day message at Gladstone, where Dr. and Mrs. James M. Alley are ministers. Hurrying from Gladstone down through the rain, I went to Junction City for the dedication of the new church building. The congregation is to be congratulated on this beautiful structure. That evening your secretary met with some of the students at Christian House in Eugene.

On the 12th and 13th your secretary wrestled with the problem of finances. There is much to be done here in Oregon, but we cannot do more than our funds will allow. If our members were only real Christian stewards, there is no end to the good we could do for the cause of Christ here in Oregon.

Wednesday the 14th brought a meeting with Glenn Lacy of Unified Promotion as we considered finances, aims, and objectives in Oregon.

We have gone 'round and 'round. This brief history begins the 15th of one month and ends the 15th of another month. As your state secretary has not taken a day off since the 15th of November, that is exactly what he did on the 15th of December.

Well, I'll be seeing you again next month as we go around the state and visit the churches. God bless you.

Henry L. Searle

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